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Senator Catherine Osten
Senator Paul Formica
Representative Toni Walker

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to let you know how valuable the ACES program has been to my family. As you know, many public schools are not equipped to meet the needs of children that gifted or have a desire to pursue studies in STEM. My son has shown a great interest in science and engineering from an early age, and it was obvious early on that he would benefit greatly from a school that would be able to focus on that curriculum. It has been less than a year and I can already see the change and growth that the ACES school has had on him. His desire to design and build grows with every day, and the school helps him push himself to try and do more.

There are many families like mine that depend on the ACES schools to provide specialized education for their children. It is only through the continual financial support from donors, both private and public, that they're able to meet their financial needs. As one of the many voting constituents in your district, I ask that you consider maintaining funding the ACES program. On behalf of the school, the families, and my son Ethan, I thank you.

Best,
Nadine Spence